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peasant women by the police, while in police custody during March 1955, in connexion with the Satyagraha against eviction from lands in Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli district; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations were duly enquired into and found to be not true.

* 2730 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints were received by the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, from the Secretary, District Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, alleging that acts of violence, arson and loot are recently in the increase in the taluk of Srivaikuntam, by goondas hired by some landlords;

(b) the steps taken by the police to maintain law and order in that area; and

(c) how many cases were registered and investigated and with what results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) The District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, received a petition from the Secretary, District Vivasayigal Sangam, Tirunelveli, citing several instances where the landlords had committed offences against the Kisans.

(b) The police investigated each specific complaint and filed charge-sheets wherever there was sufficient evidence.

(c) Three cases under the Indian Penal Code and 12 cases under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code (Security Proceedings), were registered. One of the Indian Penal Code cases and the Security Proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, are pending trial.

Labour dispute in the Ganesan Press, Tirunelveli

* 2731 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorandum, dated 13th April 1955, from the Secretary of the Tirunelveli-Palayamkottai Press Labour Union was received by the Government alleging victimization of Press workers by the management of the Ganesan Press, Tirunelveli Junction: and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dispute has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal, Madras.